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President's Message – A Holiday Message

By Steve Champion, AE6NX

It is traditional, in this season, to look back over the past year and to make resolutions about the coming one. The hobby as a whole has seen some significant events... Hurricane Katrina... More countries dropping CW as a license requirement... Wider 40 Meter allocations (and fewer broadcast stations)... More BPL trials...

My personal ledger, hobby-wise, has been rather less dramatic. It seems that I have done very little actual operating, although I did manage to get my HF mobile set-up working smoothly. I have very much enjoyed using it on long trips as well as occasionally during my commute.

This year Ben & I experimented a bit with a 20m beam and a rotator... the first directional antenna at the NX/NY QTH. We were also given a small multi-band beam which remains partly assembled on our roof. That heads our "To-Do" list for 2006. Both of us started – and did not complete – a couple of construction projects in 2005. Perhaps our New Year's Resolutions should include some more time at the soldering station

Ben & I visited the Cambridge & District Amateur Radio Club in early 2005. It was interesting to see the workings of another club up-close. This January, we will be in Berlin – partly to do the usual "Tourist Thing" but we hope to also visit at least one club meeting and make the acquaintance of some German hams. Many of the Berlin clubs manage to have a club meeting *every* week ... although I think the choice of a pub as a venue might have something to do with the success of this strategy!

Ben & I have very much enjoyed being on the CVARC Board this year. We are both looking forward to another year on the board.

So, whatever *your* plans are for the up-coming year - I'd like to wish you and yours "Happy Holidays" and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

73, AE6NX

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This is the last call for items for the Holiday Party Auction. If you have any radio-related items that you would like to donate, please call me Steve at (805) 493-2564. Proceeds will go to the ARRL Toy Drive.

Ventura County Area 2 ARES/RACES members are encouraged to check in every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm on the Area 2 Check-in Net. Specific ARES/RACES times and frequencies are as follows:



Radio
Amateur
Civil
Emergency
Service

Area	Time	Mode	Frequency	PI	Repeater
County	7:30 - 8:00 pm	Voice	146.880 -	127.3	WA6ZTT
County	7:30 - 8:00 pm	Voice	224.020 -	127.3	WB6ZTR
County	Before 6:30 pm	Packet	145.710	No pl	Hospital Net
County	RACES Simplex	Voice	147.570	No pl	
Area 1	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	147.930 -	127.3	WB6WEY
Area 2	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	146.850 -	94.8	Grissom K6AER
Area 2	Simplex	Voice	147.555	No pl	
Area 2	Backup Repeater	Voice	147.885 -	127.3	Bozo - N6JMI
Area 2	Amgen Repeater	Voice	449.440 -	131.8	KE6SWS
Area 3	7:15 - 7:30 pm	Voice	147.915 -	127.3	WB6ZTQ
Area 4	7:15 - 7:30 pm	Voice	146.970 -	127.3	WB6YQN
Area 5	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	145.400 -	No pl	N6FL
Area 6	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	147.975 -	127.3	N6AHI
Area 7	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	146.985 -	127.3	WB6ZTX
Area 8	7:00 - 7:30 pm	Voice	145.280 -	100.0	KN6OK
6 Meter	6:45 - 7:00 pm	Voice	52.980 -	82.5	K6SMR

Net Control operations for the weekly ARES/RACES Area 2 check-in net is run from the ARES/RACE communications center at the East County Sheriff Station on Olsen Rd each Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Visitors are welcomed and have the opportunity to operate the station equipment. Contact Jerry Goldman KC6JSO (805) 241-9187 if you plan to attend. RACES members should remember that their RACES card is issued for only two years. When your card is due to expire simply call Jackie (805) 654-2551 at the Office of Emergency Services in Ventura to renew your card. For questions concerning ARES/RACES call Area 2 Emergency Coordinator Ken Larson KJ6RZ (805) 495-9435 or go to the ARES/RACES section of the CVARC web site at <http://www.cvarc.org>.

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The Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL affiliated Special Service Club. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted. Meeting location is at the Elks Lodge, 158 Conejo School Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA. Meetings start at 7:30 pm. with a pre-meeting social and technical assistance session from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to the public, and members are encouraged to bring their friends.

2005/2006 EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
Dec 10	CVARC Club Party	CVARC Club party at the Cameron Center, T.O.
Dec 11	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
— 2006 —		
Jan 1	ARRL Strait Key Night	ARRL Strait Key Contest
Jan 7 - 8	ARRL RTTY Round-Up	ARRL RTTY Contest
Jan 12	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Jan 21 - 23	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes	ARRL VHF Contest
Feb 9	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Feb 12	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
Feb 13 - 17	School Club Roundup	ARRL School Club Contest
Feb 18 - 19	ARRL International CW DX	ARRL International DX Contest (CW)
Mar 9	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Mar	Westlake Street Fair	Radio support for Westlake Rotary Club (morning)
Mar	CLU CROP Walk	Annual CVARC/ARES T.O. Charity Walk
Apr	Arbor Day	CVARC/ARES radio demo at N. Conejo Creek Park
Apr 9	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
Apr 13	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
May 11	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
May 13	Cruisin' The Conejo Bike Ride	This is a major yearly CVARC field activity
Jun	Orienteering	Amateur Radio Direction Finding Competition
Jun 8	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Jun 11	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
Jun 24 - 25	Field Day	CVARC annual field day event, don't miss it!
Jul 3	Moorpark Fireworks	Comm support for Moorpark's 3rd of July Fireworks
Jul 13	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Aug 10	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Aug 13	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
Sep 14	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Oct 8	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
Oct 12	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Nov 9	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting
Dec 10	FCC License Exam	Begins 8:30 am at East County Sheriff's Station
Dec 14	CVARC Club Meeting	General CVARC Club Meeting

Next FCC License Examinations On December 11th

CVARC hosts FCC License Examinations at 8:30 AM on the second Sunday of even numbered months at the Ventura East County Sheriff Station on Olsen Rd. (near the Reagan Library). The next exams will be held on Sunday morning December 11th. CVARC conducts exams for all license classes. Exam candidates must bring a form of government issued photo I.D., the original AND a photocopy of any existing license or Certificate of Exam Element Completion, a Social Security (or government issued Taxpayer I.D.) number, and \$14 ARRL VE Exam fee (cash is preferred). No advance reservation is necessary, walk-ins are welcome. Advance notice is needed for special circumstances, such as reading the exam to sight-impaired candidates. If you have any questions, contact CVARC VE Coordinator Jeff Reinhardt at 818-706-3853.

The First Annual CVARC Mini-Auction

At the Holiday Party on November 10th we will be having a small auction of radio-related items, in addition to the usual (and ever popular) raffles. The auction is being held primarily as a fun event, rather than a serious fund-raiser. Bring some cash (or a check-book) and be prepared to bid on some of the rare and never-to-be-seen again** items.

CVARC Meeting January 12th Ham Radio at 300 MPH (in a car!)

Ken Walkey, a retired Walt Disney imagineer, has raced all kinds of vehicles, from rails (dragsters) to Bonneville streamliners (class C/BGS) for many years and has enjoyed a life-long love of cars. He spent many of his childhood years in the Burbank area working on hot rods. He was in college when the Korean conflict broke out. He joined the Navy and served a tour in Japan and Korea, followed by three years in Hawaii in an air transport squadron. While stationed on Oahu, he built a "rail" and a '50 Ford business coupe for racing with parts shipped over from the mainland. He was also instrumental in forming the Hawaii Timing Association for the first organized drag racing in the islands, at Kahuku.

After leaving the Navy, he came back and went to work at Paramount Pictures. One of his first assignments was to work on the parting of the Red Sea in the Ten Commandments. Meanwhile, Ken was completing classes at the Lockheed Amateur Radio Club where he was licensed as WB6RSP. He enjoyed the challenge of building radios, and the never ending challenge of antennas.

In 1957 he went to work at Walt Disney Productions in the camera service department. During this same time frame he was voted chairman of the of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, San Fernando Valley Chapter. Ken was also a member of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) and attending classes in cinematography at USC. Ken moved to Panavision, Inc. as a mechanical engineer and spent the next ten years with the development of the panaflex camera, the standard of the motion picture industry today. Ken also served on the "Cine Technical Committee of the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Science" (think Oscars).

Anxious to compete and break records again, Ken contacted Granada Datsun and obtained sponsorship for a new "lakester" he was building. In 1973, Ken set a new F.I.A. and Bonneville (wheel driven) land speed record in the F/gas lakester class at 186.170 mph, using Datsun engines. In 1976, Ken crashed this vehicle at the Bonneville Salt Flats, severely injuring himself. In 1978, he rebuilt the car and put his sponsor behind the wheel and achieved a 200.005 mph two-way average. His sponsor was now a record-holder and a member of the Bonneville 200 mph club.

In his work life, Ken was busy working on the EPCOT exhibit, then on the design of Splash Mountain. Now an Assistant Chief Mechanical Engineer at Disney, Ken was agonizing on the decision between building at Vari-eze Kit Plane or a new streamliner for land speed racing. In 1989 he took his unpainted streamliner to Bonneville and ran 226 mph right off the trailer. He went on to set many records, and in 1990 joined the 200 mph club with a 289.294 mph two-way run. He has since raised to speed to well over 300 mph, and was inducted into the "Hot Rod Hall of Fame" in 2001. He was also a participant in the first international Land Speed event in Lake Gairdner, South Australia.

Ken remains a significant contributor in the land speed community. He acted as the Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the Southern California Timing Association, as well as the Bonneville Nationals, Inc. He is currently a Technical Inspector at Bonneville and is the announcer for the summer meets at El Mirage dry lake in Southern California. He is also a member of the Utah Salt Flats Racers Association (USFRA) where he serves as an inspector and line starter.

Ken's streamliner, "Grandpa's Toy", race car #122 has been retired for the last two years and is looking for a new owner. If you are interested it is at <http://www.landracing.com/news/300mph.htm>

Ken is now a general class amateur W6RSP and he enjoys working DX on 20m and works the HF bands 10 through 80m

Please join us in welcoming what is sure to be another interesting speaker!

ARRL Toy Drive Needs your Help

The goal of the ARRL/The Salvation Army 2005 Holiday Toy Drive is to brighten the holidays for youngsters displaced or left homeless by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Between now and December 10, radio amateurs from all across the US will be collecting new unwrapped toys for boys and girls aged 1 to 14 and sending them with a QSL card (or a card bearing their call sign) to: ARRL Toy Drive/The Salvation Army, 1775 Moriah Woods Blvd--Suite 12, Memphis, TN 38117-7125. Gifts already have begun to show up in Memphis from all over the US.

ARRL invites its members to send cash donations, if they prefer, to: ARRL Toy Drive, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. The League is asking all radio amateurs to make the holiday season a little bit brighter for kids affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"The hams who were in the Gulf Coast returned with stories of devastated families and children," Pitts noted. "Perhaps we cannot save the whole world, but as the holiday season gets closer, we are showing the best traits of a long history of service to others when we remember those children. Sending a new toy is a minor inconvenience and expense to most of us, but to the child on the other end it can mean everything."

Great Food, Company and Prizes Galore at the CVARC Holiday Happening!

By tom Stough, W0UFC, 2005 Social Chair



CVARC Holiday Happening / Potluck Dinner

Saturday, December 10, 2005
1800-2200 PST (6:00-10:00 PM)
Cameron Center
288 Green Meadow Drive, Thousand Oaks

DIRECTIONS:

" From the 101 Freeway go south on Lynn Road to Green Meadow Drive
" Turn left (east) on Green Meadow Dr.
" In about 3 blocks, Green Meadow Dr. dead ends into the driveway of the Cameron Center

Carpooling is encouraged, as there are only 32 regular parking spaces and two handicapped spaces. Latecomers may need to park on the Green Meadow cul-de-sac and "hoof it" about a block. The Club will provide a main meat dish of ham and turkey, soft drinks, and plasticware. Please bring your favorite appetizer, side dish, or dessert and RSVP to Tom, tom-stough@juno.com or (805) 341-1354. I'll also bring a sign-up sheet to the meeting on November 10.

Now for the really important stuff: the prizes! Raffle tickets are \$10 each from Neil Waybright, and are available at the Christmas party. Here's the prize lineup:

Grand Prize: Alinco DX-70 HF/6 Meter Transceiver plus power supply

Second Prize: ICOM 2100H 50 Watt 2 Meter FM Mobile



Third Prize: Alinco DJ-596 2 Meter/440 MHz HT



"Red Ticket" Prize (from 2005 monthly meeting raffles) is a Astron 20 Power Supply.

Youth Prize-for a licensed amateur 18 years of age or under: Alinco DJ-196 2 Meter HT

"Red Ticket" Prize (from 2005 monthly meeting raffles) is a "Samlex America SEC1223 23A/13.8V Switching Power Supply"

Youth Prize-for a licensed amateur 18 years of age or under: Alinco DJ-196 2 Meter HT

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Come out, support your club and ring in the holidays with your radio friends, spouses and children. See you there!

73, Tom

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Membership Application Form

Name: _____

Call Sign: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

City, ST Zip _____

Tel: (____) - _____

E-Mail: _____

ARRL Member expiration date (on QST label) _____

RACES # _____ ARES# _____

Date: _____ Update Roster Only? _____

Family Membership: _____ Names/Calls _____

Send Information/Application to:
Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club
ATTN: Michael Pershing, treasurer
P.O. Box 2093
Thousand Oaks, CA 91358-2093

New Renewal
Single Membership - \$25 _____ Multi-year ___ years @ \$20 = _____
New Ham, New Member - \$10 _____
Single Membership, Full-Time Student \$10 _____
Family Membership - \$30 _____

ARRL Membership Renewal (include ARRL form) \$ _____
AD Space (2x3) One Year (member) - \$35 _____
AD Space (2x3) One Year (non-Member) - \$75 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Cash Check Number

Interested in License Upgrades? _____
Joining ARES/RACES? _____
Disaster Action Team? _____
Obtain a HAM License? _____